

**CITY OF FRESNO**  
**DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING  
City Hall, Fourth Floor - Meeting Room 4017N

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 4, 2008 MEETING

Commission Members Present:

Darby Greer, Ron Sheppard, Robert Hand, Lillian Fillpot, Danielle Thompson, Mary Beth Randall, Russ Hoeltzer,

Staff Present:

Jeff Eben, Elizabeth Kunz, Stella Du Bois, Carlos Duarte, Greg Eisner

Call to Order

Self Introductions

A motion to approve the July 30, 2008 Meeting Minutes was made by Bob Hand and seconded by Russ Hoeltzer. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

Jeff Eben addressed the Commission on Vision, Mission and Goals. These should reflect outreach and quality of life for the disabled citizens of Fresno. A brainstorm session produced the following:

Vision & Mission

- Quality of life.
- Public Awareness of Assets of People with Disabilities.
- Active participation in the community.
- Failure is not an option – expectation of success.
- Strengths vs. areas to be developed.
- Resources for people with disabilities.
- Celebrate our successes.
- Incorporation of multi-cultural interests.
- City Government employs/seeks input of people w/disabilities. Role model.

## Goals

- Regular contact with media/PSA's.
- Establish active system for soliciting community input for people w/disabilities.
- Look for unmet needs. Needs assessment/Resource audit
- Seek partnerships with all Chambers, Dept. of Rehab. Schools, Multi-cultural, non-represented groups.
- Liaison with community leaders
- Disability Awareness Month Event. (collaborate w/all agencies to present a worthwhile event
- Create a documentary/film – multi modal (eg. Housing Authority)
- Educate employers on what people with disabilities CAN do
- Policy Advice
- Link between ADA Advisory Council/FAX Committee
- Partnership with County ADA Advisory Committee
- Establish protocol for working with City of Fresno Departments

## Committees

- ✚ ADA Advisory Council (Accessibility Issues)
- ✚ FAX Committee (Transportation)
- ✚ Education
- ✚ Health/Attendant Care
- ✚ Disability Awareness Training
- ✚ Employment
- ✚ Cultural Diversity Outreach (sensitivity in all areas)
- ✚ Linguistic Diversity
- ✚ Housing
- ✚ Organization of volunteers (specific expectations)
- ✚ Partner with volunteer organizations – streamline

## Establish Slate of Officers:

Russ Hoeltzer nominated Bob Hand as Commission Chair. Bob Hand nominated Lillian Fillpot as Vice Chair.

### Modification of DAC Bylaws

Considerable discussion ensued. Jeff Eben established all working committees would work under the direction of the Commission abiding with Bylaws/Robert's Rules of Order, etc.

Jeff stated we should wait to get more lead from our attorney before attempting to modify Bylaws. This item would be tabled until such a time.

Marybeth Randall suggested a clerical change for consistency to the Bylaws as follows: Page 5, Article 6, Section 1, add the numerical number nine (9) after the written number nine in the last sentence.

### Unscheduled Communication

Dates for the September DAC meeting were discussed. September 22nd appeared to be the most available date. It was not clear if a meeting room, and/or staff/Commissioners would be available on that date. Staff would look into locating an available meeting room and, thereafter, contact the Commission notifying them of a September meeting date.

### Adjournment

There being no further business, Mary Beth Randall made the motion to adjourn. Russ Hoeltzer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.